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The present invention relates to a ready-to-use reducing compositions for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres. The reducing composition comprises, which comprise polycarboxylic acids and salts thereof as complexing agents.

The invention also relates to processes and devices or "kits" for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres, and also to the use of these compositions, processes and devices a method of using a reducing composition and a kit for bleaching or permanently reshaping human keratin fibres and more especially the hair.

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The invention also relates to a method of using a reducing composition and a kit for bleaching or permanently reshaping keratin fibres.